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PHYLLOSILICATES

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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 18, 2003 concerning the above-referenced patent application, and in view of the telephone conferences with the Examiner of January 9, 2004 and January 28, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.